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SUBJ: PROPOSED CARACAS ARRIVAL STATEMENT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER

BEGIN TEXT. IT IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN VENEZUELA,
THE NATIONAL THAT GIVE FREEDOM AND HOPE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS
HEMISPHERE THRU THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SON, SIMON
BOLIVAR.

IN THE US WE ASSOCIATE THE NAME OF THE GREAT LIBERATOR WITH
THE JUST STRUGGLES OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. HE IS, FOR US, THE GEORGE
WASHINGTON AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN OF SOUTH AMERICA.

OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, NOT ONLY IN THE FORM OF
OUR HEROES, BUT ALSO IN WHAT THEY REPRESENT FOR MANKIND: FREEDOM,
DIGNITY AND EQUALITY UNDER LAW.

THE STRONG HISTORICAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
VENEZUELA AND THE US REFLECT THE COMMONALITY OF INTERESTS
OF OUR PEOPLE AND THE MUTUAL ESTEEM IN WHICH WE HOLD DEMOCRACY.

ALTHOUGH WE FACE SOME ISSUES TODAY OVER WHICH WE MAY DISAGREE,
(SUCH AS THE US FOREIGN TRADE ACT) I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN,

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THRU PATIENCE AND MUTUAL TRUST, RESOLVE TO THE SATISFACTION

OF OUR TWO SOVEREIGN NATIONS THESE DIFFERENCES. THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA AS SECRETARY OF STATE. I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKS WITH YOUR ESTEEMED PRESIDENT, CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HAD IN WASHINGTON WITH OUR DISTINGUISEHD FOREIGN MINISTER, RAMON ESCOVAR SALO., AND YOUR MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO.

I FULLY SUBSCRIBE TO THE VIEW, SO ELOQUENTLY ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT PEREZ, "THAT WE MUST CREATE A WORLD OF COOPERATION AND AVOID THE DANGEROUS CONFRONTATIONS THAT ARISE FROM A WORLD HOBbled BY INJUSTICE AND CONTRADICTIONS."

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I COME HERE TODAY.
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